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July 2009

Summer Events

Firemen's Dance: The annual Firemen's Dance & Raffle will be held on Saturday, July 11th, 2009. The Dance begins at 6:00 p.m. until midnight. There will be music by The Relics along with cash prizes, door prizes, drinks, food and games. Tickets will be available at the door for \$2.50.

Pals in the Park: Griffith's Summer Recreation Program for Children 4 – 10 years old will begin session 2 on July 13th through July 29th. The program is held on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The cost for the program is \$30.00 for Griffith children and \$15.00 for each additional child. Children may be registered at the Griffith Town Hall. Please contact Melissa at 922-3078 with any questions.

Movies in the Park: The Griffith Park Department has the following movies scheduled; July 15th, Hotel for Dogs, July 29th, Mama Mia, and August 12th, Tale of Desperaux. The movies are shown at Central Park south of the pavilion at dusk and the Griffith Lions Club will be selling refreshments.

Music in the Park: Several musical events have been scheduled this summer. Everyone is invited to attend the following evening shows in Central Park; July 22nd, Swing Shift Orchestra, July 25th, Los Cordoba Band, July 31st, Northwest Indiana Symphony, and August 22nd, Downtown Sound.

35th Annual Park Full of Art: Park Full of Art will be held in Central Park on July 18th & 19th, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There will be 100-juried artists and refreshments will be available.

Griffith Community Steak Cookout: The Griffith Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual steak cookout on Saturday, July 18th, 2009. The cookout will take place at St. Mary's Hildebrant Hall, 525 N. Lafayette from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15 and include grilled steak, corn-on-the-cob, salad, dessert and soft drink. Children's tickets are \$5 and include hotdog, corn-on-the-cob, salad, dessert and soft drink. This year's event will feature indoor and outdoor seating, draft beer, and a beanbag tournament. Tickets are available through a chamber member or at the door.

Griffith Bean-Bag Tournament: In conjunction with the Griffith Community Steak Cookout on July 18th, join the Griffith Chamber of Commerce and Northwest Indiana Bean-Bag toss competitors from the area at the inaugural Griffith Community Bean-Bag Toss Tournament. Win cash prizes of \$50, \$100 or \$300! This event is also taking place at Hildebrant Hall and will be held rain or shine. The fee is \$25 per team and registration is at 3:30 p.m. The tournament starts at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Championship Round at 6:30 p.m. Please direct question to donniestash@familychicago.com, jstarkey13@yahoo.com or call Donnie at 924-0266.

Highland/Griffith Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing: The Highland/Griffith golf outing will be held on Friday, August 14th, 2009 at Wicker Park Golf Course. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. followed by a noon Shotgun Start. The cost is \$95 per person, which includes lunch, golf, cart, dinner and goody bag. There will be \$25 cash prize on every hole, Skins Game, Door Prizes and Cash payoffs for the 1st & 2nd Place teams. Hole Sponsorship is available. For more information, please contact the Highland Chamber of Commerce at 923-3666 or mary@highlandchamber.com.

Griffith Hometown Run: This year's hometown run will take place on Saturday, August 22nd, 2009. Pre-registration by August 15th is \$20 for runners, \$15 for walkers & \$10 for children with paid adult. After August 15th there is a \$5.00 late fee. Runners & walkers should report to Beiriger Elementary School, 601 N. Lillian, for an 8:00 a.m. start. For more information please contact Dan Govert at 924-7904.

Griffith's First Annual Rockin Rail Fest: On Saturday, August 29th, Griffith will hold their first annual Rockin Rail Fest! This event will take place on the 100 block of Broad Street from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. There will be food, music, crafts, games and a beer tent. All proceeds will benefit the Downtown Revitalization Efforts.

Griffith Railroad Museum: The Griffith Railroad Museum, which is locate at South Broad Street & Avenue A, is open every Sunday from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. through August 30th. Be sure to mark you calendars for Railroad Days, which will take place on September 26th & 27th.

Central Park Tank: The WWII tank in Central Park is having a makeover. The tank was hoisted up by a crane supplied by Imperial Crane and placed on a truck operated by P & C Trucking in order to transport it to a facility where it will be sandblasted and repainted. We would like to thank both companies for their very generous donation of equipment and services! Once the tank is back it will be remarked with the original marking that appeared on this tank in WWII. Donations are being accepted at the Town Hall to help defray the cost of this great improvement!